(b) making available other facilities such as water, power, road, etc.

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ORDERED that a copy of the resolution be communicated to all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, Planning Commission, Chief Secretaries of the State Governments and UT Administrations, Chairmen and Managing Directors of the Food Corporation of India and the Central Warehousing Corporation.

ORDERED also that the resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

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Free Distribution of Foodgrains to Poor Old People

†1298. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken any decision regarding free distribution of foodgrains to the poor old people;

(b) if so, whether Government have so far distributed foodgrains to some of the old people under the said scheme;

(c) if so, the names of the States to which foodgrains have been provided togetherwith the quantity of foodgrains so provided;

(d) whether Government have also allotted foodgrains to Gujarat under the said scheme; and

(e) if so, the quantity thereof alongwith the date in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have taken a decision regarding free distribution of foodgrains to the poor old people by implementing the 'Annapurna Scheme'. The Scheme has since been launched with effect from 1st April, 2000.

(b) The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, (Department of Food and Public Distribution) has allocated 1.65 lakh MT of foodgrains during the current financial year.

(c) Only the State of Andhra Pradesh has lifted so far 1133 MT of rice during June and July, 2000.

(d) and (e) The State of Gujarat is also covered under the Annapurna Scheme within the overall quantity of foodgrains allotted. No lifting of foodgrains has so far taken place in the State.

Import of Edible Oil

1299. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantities of edible oils and Palmolein oil imported in the country during last three years;

(b) to what extent these imports have affected the growers in the country; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to boost the edible oil exports from the country or to improve the life of the growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The quantities of edible oils and palmolein imported during the last three years are as under:—

Qty. in lakh tonnes

Year (Nov-Oct)	Edible Oils	Palmolein(RBD)
1997-98	20.83	14.70
1998-99	43.93	26.77
1999-2000 (till June)	25.58	14.58